

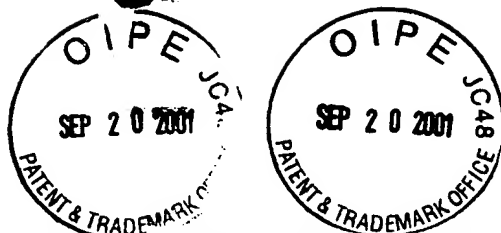
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<p>In re Application of Avi J. Ashkenazi et al. Serial No.: 09/479,252 Filed: January 7, 2000 For: Apo-2 Ligand</p>	<p>Group Art Unit: 1647 Examiner: B. Bunner</p> <p>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope with sufficient postage as first class mail and addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on September 17, 2001 <i>Diane L. Marschang</i> Diane L. Marschang</p>
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2001. Entry of the following Amendment is respectfully requested prior to examination on the merits.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 7-17, 20, 21, 23, 24, and 26 without prejudice.